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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the receipt of an office action, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

35. (Amended) The device of claim 33, wherein said [first portion] support includes a pair of surfaces which engage each of said packages on two opposed surfaces, sandwiching said packages.

Remarks:

On October 16, 2000, an interview was conducted with the Examiner in which the Examiner indicated that § 112 defects may exist with respect to claims 35 and 41. Claim 35 is amended as indicated above to correct the § 112 issue with claim 35.

With respect to claim 41, the Examiner requested that the outwardly extending tabs be explained and their support in the specification be pointed to. The support may be found at page 5, lines 17-20. There it is explained that the packages may include a notch portion 24, shown in Figure 1, which is engaged

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